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## IACC Quarterly

IACC Quarterly is produced quarterly by the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), which promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local programs, works to enhance efficiency and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical assistance, acts as a forum to discuss issues that get in the way of helping local governments meet their infrastructure needs, and sponsor training workshops and conferences in these arenas throughout the year.

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## Annual IACC Conference Big Success in 2006

By **Bill Cole**

**T**he 2006 Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council Conference was a very successful event with 335 people registering to attend.

Highlights of the 2006 Conference included:

- 12 Tech Teams
- 29 Training Sessions
- 34 Program Sessions
- 21 Vendors
- 7 Sponsors

We had another great turn out at the Social Event on Wednesday night. Many people ate, drank, talked and danced to Jude Bowerman. There was good food and great music!

Many of the people at the conference took part in our Bingo game, with attendees walking away with raffle prizes donated by our vendors and sponsors. We also received many comments, suggestions, and evaluations with helpful ideas that we will be working to implement.

A big thank you to everyone within IACC who helped put the conference together. Your time and effort really paid off and it shows with a great event that is truly valued by not only the locals, but by other state and federal program staff and the private participants as well.

The 2007 IACC Conference will once again be in Wenatchee, but one week earlier on October 23, 24 & 25.

See you there!

## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Applications Due May 7, 2007

**A**pproximately \$40 million will be available to 2007 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan recipients.

This is twice the amount of funding typically offered.

The 2007 program guidelines and application form will be available in early 2007. The application deadline is May 7, 2007.

The DWSRF provides loans to community and non-profit non-community water systems for capital im-

provements that increase public health protection and compliance with drinking water regulations. The basic interest rate is 1.5 percent.

The DWSRF program is jointly managed by the Washington State Department of Health and Public Works Board, in partnership with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

For more information, visit [http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our\\_main\\_pages/dwsrf.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/dwsrf.htm) or contact Ale-

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## Transportation Improvement Board Urban Corridor Program

By Greg Armstrong

**T**he City of Kent held a ribbon cutting ceremony October 20 to commemorate the completion of a new five lane roadway between 54th Ave S and Military Road and the building of a new bridge over the Green River.

Curb, gutter and sidewalk were constructed on both sides, and a truck-climbing lane was built on the west hill between the Green River Bridge and Military Road.

Other improvements included intersection improvements, storm drainage and water quality treatment that meets all current standards, wetland mitigation, illumination and landscaping.

The new construction of South 228th Street provides a more direct access route between I-5 and Kent's northern warehouse/industrial and resi-



*Medal of Honor recipient Col. Joe Jackson and Senator Patty Murray cut the ribbon October 20 commemorating the completion of new construction of the South 228th Street extension in the City of Kent.*

dential area. Congestion is also reduced.

Funding partners for this \$26,481,949 project include:

- \$4,642,487 – TIB's Urban Corridor Program (UCP)

- \$9,013,246 - City of Kent
- \$11,124,238 - Local Improvement District
- \$1,701,978 - State Legislature

## Washington Economic Development Finance Authority (WEDFA)

WEDFA is an independent agency within the executive branch of state government, created by the legislature to develop innovative approaches to the problem of unmet capital needs for small and medium-sized businesses in the state.

WEDFA has the authority to issue nonrecourse economic development bonds on both a taxable and tax-exempt basis in support of qualifying projects - manufacturing and processing facilities and projects categorized as "exempt facilities" under federal tax law. These may include wastewater, solid waste dis-

posal, mass commuting, and some types of recycling and cogeneration projects. WEDFA cannot assist retail projects.

The Authority is staffed by an Executive Director and has 17 member board.

There is no governmental financial support for WEDFA bonds. Payment of principal and interest is solely the responsibility of the borrowing company. The ability to borrow at tax-exempt rates makes this type of financing very attractive, however. The all-in annual borrow-

ing cost for companies in the past has averaged *several percent below prime!*

WEDFA is not supported by government funding, and is solely dependent upon fee income derived from its bond issuance programs to pay all its staffing and other operational expenses.

WEDFA information can be accessed at <http://www.wedfa.wa.gov/industrial.htm>.

## *Upcoming Events*

**Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW)  
13h Annual Conference & Tradeshow**  
February 6-8, 2007  
Yakima, WA  
[www.erwow.org](http://www.erwow.org) or (800) 272-5981  
or (360) 462-9287

**AWWA/WEF Joint Management Conference**  
February 25-28, 2007  
Portland, OR  
[www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)

**2007 RCAC National  
Rural Development Conference**  
February 26-March 1, 2007  
Long Beach, CA  
[www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org) or (916) 447-9832 ext. 1029 or MWiseman@rcac.org.

**Road Builders' Clinic**  
March 6-8, 2007  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
<http://capps.wsu.edu/conferences/rbc/>

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund  
Public Works Trust Fund  
Application Workshop**  
March 2007  
Seven locations in Washington  
[www.pwb.wa.gov](http://www.pwb.wa.gov) or [http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our\\_main\\_pages/dwsrf.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/dwsrf.htm) or  
(360) 586-4128

**Membrane Technology Conference & Exposition**  
March 18-21, 2007  
Tampa, FL  
[www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org) or (800) 926-7337

**Paying for Sustainable Water Infrastructure**  
March 21-23, 2007  
Atlanta, GA  
<http://www.payingforwater.com/register/> or  
kunert.kelly@epa.gov

**Washington Chapter APWA Spring Convention**  
April 9-12, 2007  
Everett, WA  
<http://www.apwa-wa.org/>

**Association of Washington Cities  
2007 Basic Training for Clerks/Treasurers**  
April 19, 2007 - Moses Lake  
[www.awcnet.org](http://www.awcnet.org) or Karen Tanner, [karent@awcnet.org](mailto:karent@awcnet.org)  
or (360) 753-4137

**Washington Association of Sewer and  
Water Districts  
2007 Spring Conference & Trade Show**  
April 26-27, 2007  
Pasco, WA  
<https://www.waswd.org>  
(206) 246-1299 or (800) 244-0124

**2007 Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities  
Federal Policy Conference**  
May 2-4, 2007  
Washington, DC  
<http://www.cifanet.org/conferences.html>

**Association of Washington Cities  
2007 Annual Conference**  
June 12-15, 2007  
Tacoma, WA  
[www.awcnet.org](http://www.awcnet.org)

**2007 Washington Finance Officers Association  
Annual Conference**  
September 18 - 21, 2007  
Kennewick, WA  
<http://www.wfoa.org/>

**Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts  
2007 Fall Conference & Trade Show**  
Sep 19-21, 2007  
Spokane, WA  
<https://www.waswd.org>  
(206) 246-1299 or (800) 244-0124



## Public Works Board Celebrates 20 Years of Success and Loan Payoff

The Board is pleased to announce the very first loans executed for the PWTF in 1986 are making their final payments.

The Board has built the fund from \$34.6 million to the current appropriation of \$289 million to finance critical projects.

When the PWTF was created, there was a \$4 billion unmet need for financing of critical infrastructure projects.

Over the next five years there will be a \$14.6 billion projected need for financing of critical projects.

In 21 years the Board has financed over 1500 projects, totaling over \$2 billion.

The Board is only able to fund approximately 25 percent of the requests submitted for funding.

The Board held two celebrations in October with the jurisdictions listed on page 5, celebrating final loan payments as well as 20 years of success.

## Public Works Trust Fund Construction Loan Applications Due May 7, 2007



**A**pproximately \$200 million will be available for the 2008 Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) construction loan cycle, depending on the actions of the legislature and how much is appropriated to the Board.

Program guidelines and application forms will be available in early 2007.

The construction loan application deadline is May 7, 2007.

Applications are accepted year-round for the preconstruction, planning and emergency loan programs.

The Public Works Board loans PWTF money to counties, cities, and special purpose districts to repair, replace, or create domestic

water systems, sanitary sewer systems, storm sewer systems, roads, streets, solid waste and recycling facilities, and bridges.

So far, the following changes for the 2008 application cycle include:

Construction loan program loan limit increased to \$10 million per jurisdiction, per biennium

Planning and preconstruction loan programs can now include cultural activities

For more information, visit the Board's website at [www.pwb.wa.gov](http://www.pwb.wa.gov) or call (360) 586-4120.

## Public Works Board Jurisdictions Celebrating Final Loan Payments

Client Name	County	Project Name	Project type
Aberdeen	Grays Harbor	Illumination Of Simpson Avenue	Road
Asotin	Asotin	Water System Improvement Project - 1986	Water
Black Diamond	King	Water System Improvements	Water
Bothell	King	Reconstruction Of 92nd Avenue	Road
Cheney	Spokane	Pumphouse Reconstruction	Water
Coupeville	Island	Water System Repairs And Improvements	Water
Deer Park	Spokane	Street Improvements And Upgrades	Road
Fall City WD	King	South Pressure Zone Storage Reservoir	Water
Fife	Pierce	Pacific Highway East Improvements	Road
Friday Harbor	San Juan	Water, Sewer And Street Improvements	Road
Grand Coulee	Grant	Water System Improvements	Water
Grandview	Yakima	Water System Improvements	Water
Grays Harbor WD 7	Grays Harbor	Pacific Beach - Moclips Test Wells	Water
Hoquiam	Grays Harbor	Water System Improvements	Water
Issaquah	King	Rainier Boulevard Improvements	Road
Jefferson County	Jefferson	Beaver Valley Road Project	Road
Kalama	Cowlitz	First Street Reconstruction	Road
Kent	King	Water System Improvements	Water
Kitsap County	Kitsap	Street Improvements	Road
Klickitat County	Klickitat	Centerville Bridge Replacement	Bridge
Lacey	Thurston	College Street Improvements	Road
Long Beach	Pacific	Bolstad Avenue Improvements	Road
Moab Irrigation District 20	Spokane	Water System Improvements	Water
Mount Vernon	Skagit	Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion	Sewer
Northshore Utility District	King	Water Main Replacement	Water
Omak	Okanogan	Reconstruction Of Granite/Bartlett Street	Road
Oroville	Okanogan	Water System Improvements	Water
Prosser	Benton	Waste Water Treatment Facility Modifications	Sewer
Selah	Yakima	Waste Water Treatment Plant Reconstruction	Sewer
Shelton	Mason	Water Main Replacement	Water
Snohomish	Snohomish	Water Main Replacement	Water
Spokane	Spokane	Install Water Transmission Main	Water
Spokane County	Spokane	Argonne Rd At Burlington Northern Railroad	Road
Vera Irrigation District 15	Spokane	Water Main Replacement	Water
Winlock	Lewis	Water System Improvements	Water
Yakima	Yakima	Tieton Drive Improvement 40th To 65th Avenue	Road

## Water Quality Standards Revised To Benefit Salmon, Trout

**T**he Department of Ecology has revised a portion of the state's water quality standards that will make dozens of watersheds across the state healthier for salmon and trout.

The state's water quality standards set regulatory requirements for maintaining the health of lakes, rivers and marine waters.

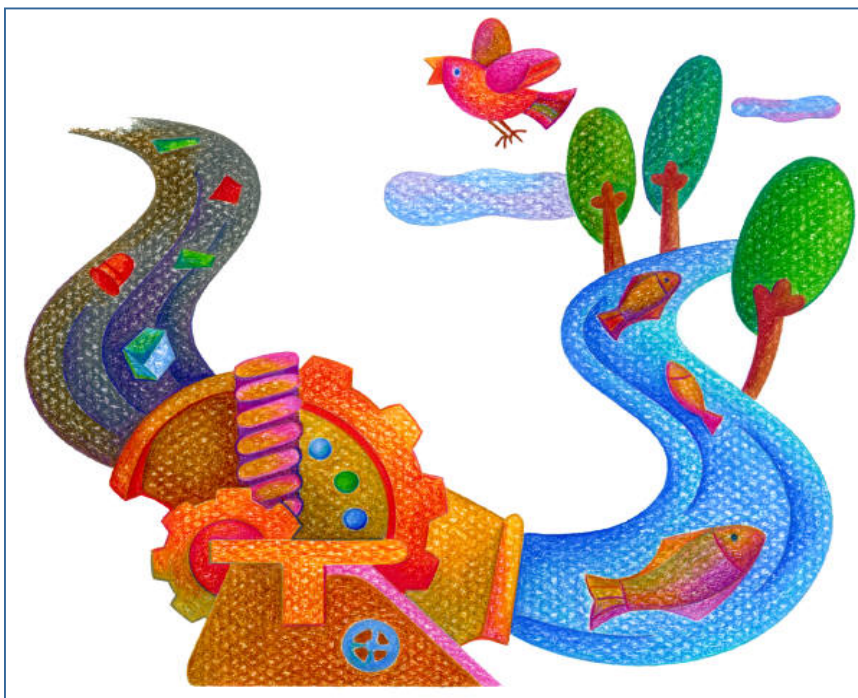
The standards set the level of pollution that is allowed to enter waters while keeping them clean and safe for people, fish and wildlife. The standards also cover water quality attributes such as temperature and dissolved oxygen.

The state's revised water quality standards require colder water, and in some cases more dissolved oxygen, to assure healthy summertime spawning and rearing habitat for endangered fish.

The changes are tailored to specific rivers and include major rivers that drain into Puget Sound, such as the Nooksack, Skagit, Stillaguamish, Snohomish, Green, Puyallup and Nisqually.

In Eastern Washington, rivers affected include the Snake, Yakima, Wenatchee, Methow, Okanogan, Naches and Walla Walla rivers.

On Dec. 21, Ecology began applying the new standards to new wastewater discharge per-



mits and to new water quality improvement plans, known as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies. Existing permits and plans will be implemented over time to make sure the new standards are met.

Ecology will begin using the new standards for developing the state "303(d)" list of impaired waters beginning with the 2008-listing cycle.

Ecology will begin implementing the new surface water quality standards to the fullest extent possible under state authority while awaiting formal approval from the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Ecology submitted the latest changes to

The latest revisions enhance the state's existing stan-

dards adopted in 2003. The change satisfies requirements of the federal Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

The water quality standards rule making documents, including final rule language and maps, are posted on Ecology's Web site at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/new-rule.html>.

Copies of the material may also be obtained on CD by contacting Ann Kahler at 360-407-6404 or by e-mail at [akah461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:akah461@ecy.wa.gov).

For more information, or to be added to the water quality standards mailing list, contact Mark Hicks at 360-407-6477 or e-mail him at [mhic461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:mhic461@ecy.wa.gov).



## Local Governments Invited to Apply for Remaining \$2.5 Million

**L**IFT Competitive Program Guidelines have been released for the remaining \$2.5 million in annual financing authority. The board will make final decisions in September 2007.

Cities, counties, and federally-recognized Tribes may apply. The maximum award for any one project is \$1 million per year for up to 25 years.

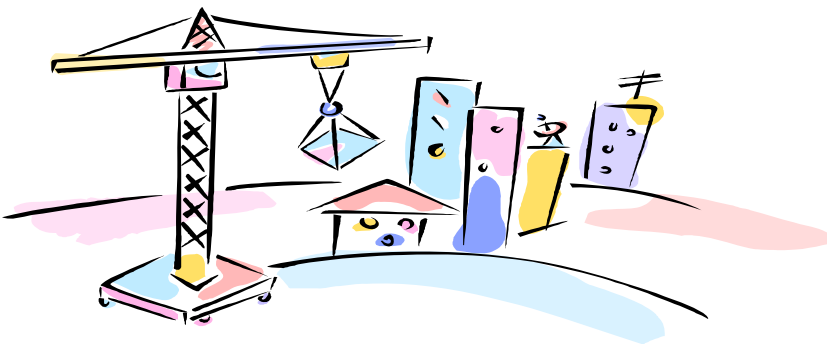
The program allows selected local governments to take advantage of tax revenue generated by private investment in an RDA to help make payments on bonds used to finance public infrastructure improvements.

Incremental revenue increases in the RDA and revenue from other local public sources are used to match state money and must also be used to repay the same bonds. The state revenue earned is distributed through a local sales and use tax that is credited against the state's sales and use tax.

The application deadline is June 29, 2007. All requirements must be met by the application deadline for the project to be considered.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the application, guidelines, and supporting documents and take special note of the timelines and requirements.

*The application materials and guidelines are available at [www.cted.wa.gov/cerb](http://www.cted.wa.gov/cerb). CERB staff can be contacted at (360) 725-4047—Matthew Ojennus or [cerblift@cted.wa.gov](mailto:cerblift@cted.wa.gov).*



### Bellingham is First Recipient of LIFT Program to Help Create Jobs

The Bellingham industrial waterfront is the first project to receive an award under the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT). The waterfront will be redeveloped under the new financing tool that was signed into law earlier this year.

LIFT helps local governments promote economic development by providing up to \$5 million per year in state sales and use tax revenue for 25 years. The financing is provided through a credit against state sales taxes generated in the participating communities.

Three projects in Bellingham, Vancouver and Liberty Lake were pre-selected by the Legislature to receive annually up to \$2.5 million of this revenue. Other local governments will have an opportunity to compete for the remaining \$2.5 million through a competitive process.

The City of Bellingham will use LIFT to finance public improvements that will help create an estimated 2,500 jobs and 5,700 residences in the next 25 years.

They will direct tax revenues of almost \$32 million and the Port of Bellingham will direct another \$3.5 million to help pay for the infrastructure. The City and Port also anticipate \$880 million in private investment.

More information is available at <http://www.cted.wa.gov>.

# New Opportunity for Rural America

**U**SDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America. Through our programs in utilities, business, community facilities and housing, we touch rural America in numerous ways.

Our financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities, and electric and telephone service.

We promote economic development by providing funds or supporting loans to businesses through private and commercial lenders. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural and other cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their member services.

Following are some highlights:

## Rural Utilities Programs

**Water and Waste Disposal Grants and Loans:** Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) provide loans and grants for water, sewer, and solid waste facilities in rural areas. WEP grants to nonprofit organizations provide for technical assistance and/or training to entities in rural areas and to cities and towns of 10,000 or less.

**Electric Loan Program:** The Electric Loan Program makes insured loans and guarantees loans to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. Insured loans primarily finance construction of facilities

for distribution of electric power in rural areas.

**Telecommunications Program:** Rural Development telecommunications lending creates public-private partnerships to finance the construction of telecommunications infrastructure in rural America. By providing infrastructure for rural areas, USDA is helping residents gain access to new and advanced services and job opportunities.

**Distance Learning/Telemedicine (DLT) Grants and Loans Program:** Grants and loans made under this program encourage, improve, and make affordable the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related technology for rural communities to improve access to educational and medical services.

## Rural Housing and Community Programs

**Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loans and Grants:** These loans and grants provide for construction, expansion, or other improvements to community facilities that provide essential services such as health

and child care, fire protection, education, and assisted living in rural communities.

**Home Improvement and Repair Loans and Grants:** Repair loans and grants enable rural homeowners to remove health and safety hazards in their homes. Grants are available to homeowners 62 years of age or older who are unable to repay a loan.

**Home Ownership Direct and Guaranteed Loans:** Homeownership loans enable low- and moderate-income rural residents to purchase their own homes. USDA both lends money directly and guarantees loans made by other lenders.

For more information about USDA Rural Development programs, please see our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa>.



*Linemen display the American Flag at the Salsop Development Park, a former nuclear reactor facility located in rural Grays Harbor County.*



## USDA Rural Development Section 504 Loan and Grant Programs

**W**estern Washington State residents experienced some damaging wind and rain to homes and infrastructure from flooding in November and wind in December, especially in rural parts of Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties.



With state officials encouraging residents to make repairs now to their damaged property, USDA Rural Development can help low income rural residents with those needed repairs through its Section 504 home repair loan and grant programs.

The loan program is available to any rural person with a very low income, but most program beneficiaries are elderly.

The 504 Loan Program helps qualifying applicants repair, improve, and/or modernize a home, make it safe and sanitary, or remove health and safety hazards.

The 504 Grant Program is available exclusively to very low-income rural seniors aged 62 or older.

Both programs provide funds to make such major repairs or renovations as removing electrical and fire hazards, replacing roofing, installing or improving water and waste-water disposal systems, and installing insulation and heating and cooling systems.

For more information about USDA Rural Development programs, please see our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa>.

## Lummi Nation Senior Keeps Rain Out

**J**oyce Jefferson applied to the Mount Vernon Area Office for a home repair grant to repair some health and safety concerns with her home in early 2006. Upon initial inspection, it was apparent there was a need to correct some of the issues at the home, and it looked like USDA Rural Development could help. Joyce's home is located on Lummi Nation land near Blaine in Whatcom County. Her husband died several years ago, and she now lives there with her three sweet little dogs.

Two of her major concerns was a leaky roof and some holes in the skirting and insulation around her mobile home (caused by neighbor dogs trying to chew their way in to visit Joyce's dogs). It was determined that we were able to assist with several health and safety related items including repairs to her roof, replacement of a failing deck and stairs, and some other needed repairs.

Bids were solicited, and a local contractor who partnered with a Lummi Nation repair contractor were selected and a construction contract was executed with them. It just so happened that the day before the construction contract was signed; there was a horrendous windstorm that took off the roofing material on 75 percent of Joyce' home.

When the contractor arrived, most of the roofing material was laying in the front yard and in the road. Timing could not have been better to award the repair contract. The contractor was able to start work the very next day, and was able to get the new roof on before the next rain storm.

The timing was impeccable and all things fell in to place. Joyce was very appreciative of our assistance and grateful to the contractor for getting the work done so expeditiously.

Joyce now has a new roof, some much needed repairs to her entry stairs and skirting, and peace of mind. No more worry about the roof leaking in the next big rainstorm. No more worry about falling on the rickety entry stairs. And no more worries about neighbor dogs getting under her house to damage her home.





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*The intent of this newsletter is that it be a work in progress, continually evolving to incorporate the clever ideas of IACC members. Newsletter ideas and suggestions are appreciated, and can be sent to Chris Gagnon at (360) 586-4122 or Christina.gagnon@pwb.wa.gov. Past issues are available by visiting the IACC website at [www.infracfunding.wa.gov](http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov)*

## Public Invited To Comment On Local Government Grant/Loan Program To Clean Up Hazardous Waste Sites

**T**he Department of Ecology invites the public to comment on a draft rule allowing local governments to get grants and/or loans for cleaning up sites contaminated by hazardous waste.

The Extraordinary Financial Hardship loan program is authorized under state law, but the rule has not been explicit about providing deferred terms and conditions. This proposed rule clarifies the applicant requirements.

The grants and loans encourage and speed up the clean up of hazardous waste sites, and reduce the financial impact on ratepayers and taxpayers.

Applicants for this new loan program must demon-

strate all of the following hardships: financial need for the loan, inability to repay the loan under present circumstances, inability to obtain funds from any other source, and inability to bond or raise its tax base.

To receive an Extraordinary Financial Hardship loan, the Department of Ecology's director must approve the local government's application.

The rule documents are available online for public review. They can be viewed at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/wac173322.html> or at the Ecology Headquarters at 300 Desmond Drive in Lacey.

A public hearing will be held on January 17, 2007 at

the Ecology Headquarters Building, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, Washington, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., January 25, 2007. You may electronically submit your comments at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/rag\\_comments.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/rag_comments.html).

Or you may send comments by US mail to Diane Singer, Remedial Action Grants/Loans manager, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600.

To submit comments via email, send to: [di-rec461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:di-rec461@ecy.wa.gov).

## Washington Fun Climate Facts

### Extreme Days

Hottest temperature ever recorded: 118F at Ice Harbor Dam on 5 August 1961.

Lowest temperature ever recorded: -48F at Mazama and Winthrop on 30 December 1968.

Most rain in 24 hours: 14.26" at Mt. Mitchell #2, 23-24 November 1986.

Most snow in 24 hours: 65" at Crystal Mountain on 24 February 1994.

### Extreme Seasons & Years

Wettest year at a station: 185" at Wynoochee Oxbow in

1931.

Driest year at a station:

2.61" at Wahluke in 1930.

Most snowfall in 12 months:

1140" (95ft, U.S. record) at Mt Baker ski area, 1998-99.

Most rainy days in a row: 55 at Centralia, November 1996-February 1997.

Most dry days in a row: 140 at White Swan, April-September 1973.

Warmest year statewide: 1934 (50.9 F).

Coldest year statewide: 1955 (44.8 F).

## Extremes for Towns & Cities (1971-2000 Averages)

Warmest (annual): Richland (average annual temperature 54.1F).

Warmest (month): Kennewick (average July max temperature 90.4F).

Coldest (annual): Mazama (average annual temperature 43.9F).

Coldest (month): Winthrop (average January min temperature 10.9F).

Wettest (annual): Forks (121.7")

Wettest (month): Aberdeen (average December precipitation: 21.9").

Driest (annual): Desert Aire/Priest Rapids Dam (6.84").

Driest (month): Desert Aire and Sunnyside (0.19").

